PHARMACISTS' BULLETIN

NOVA SCOTIA SENIORS' PHARMACARE PROGRAM
PHARMACARE
NOVA SCOTIA DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES

January 2005 Vol. #05-01

JANUARY BULLETIN

MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE COST LIST

Enclosed is a copy of the new Maximum Allowable Cost (MAC) List, ***effective February 1, 2005***. Please note that the prices underlined are effective February 1, 2005 and reflect a change in the acquisition cost of the lowest priced brand.

Actual Acquisition Cost (AAC) will be paid for all *new* categories indicated by the black box, until February 1, 2005. Please see attached list of categories that have been removed from the MAC List.

ADDITION TO EXCEPTION CRITERIA FOR ETANERCEPT®

The criteria for Etanercept has been expanded to include polyarticular juvenile rheumatoid arthritis in children. The criteria is:

- for the treatment of moderate to severely active, polyarticular juvenile rheumatoid arthritis in children (age 4-17) that have not responded to adequate treatment with one or more DMARDs for at least 3 months or have intolerance to DMARD, and do not have a contraindication to etanercept

A REMINDER . . . . SERC® TABLETS

On November 1, 2004, Serc 24mg tablets were added as an exception status drug for recipients of the Nova Scotia Pharmacare Programs with the following criteria:

- for the symptomatic treatment of the recurrent episodes of vertigo associated with Meniere's disease

Serc 8mg and 16mg will remain as full benefits until February 1, 2005 when they will also move to exception status with the above criteria. Patients currently receiving this therapy should apply with a written request for continued coverage if they satisfy the above criteria.

INCLUDED WITH THIS BULLETIN:

- **New Products List**, *effective February 1, 2005*
- **Discontinued Products and DIN Changes**
- **Delisted Products**
- **Maximum Allowable Cost (MAC) List**, *effective February 1, 2005*
- **Physician CPSNS Numbers List**
- **Nurse Practioners List**
- **Prescribing Optometrist List**

NEW PRODUCTS

The following products are "New Listings to the Nova Scotia Formulary" ***effective February 1, 2005***. The benefit status of each product within the Nova Scotia Pharmacare Programs is indicated. For those products "not insured", it was determined that there was no evidence of a clinical advantage over existing therapies and, in some instances, an increased cost to the Pharmacare Programs would be experienced.

DIN	PRODUCT	MFR	BENEFIT STATUS
02248808	Adderall XR 5mg Cap	RBT	not insured
02248809	Adderall XR 10mg Cap	RBT	not insured
02248810	Adderall XR 15mg Cap	RBT	not insured
02248811	Adderall XR 20mg Cap	RBT	not insured
02248812	Adderall XR 25mg Cap	RBT	not insured
02248813	Adderall XR 30mg Cap	RBT	not insured
02247732	Concerta 18mg Tab	JAN	not insured
02247733	Concerta 36mg Tab	JAN	not insured
02247734	Concerta 54mg Tab	JAN	not insured
02243163	Meridia 10mg Cap	ABB	not insured
02243164	Meridia 15mg Cap	ABB	not insured
02249790	Neulasta 10mg/mL Inj	AMG	not insured
02254581	Pegetron Redipen 80mcg/0.5mL Inj / 200mg Cap	SCH	E
02254603	Pegetron Redipen 100mcg/0.5mL Inj / 200mg Cap	SCH	E
02254638	Pegetron Redipen 120mcg/0.5mL Inj / 200mg Cap	SCH	E
02254646	Pegetron Redipen 150mcg/0.5mL Inj / 200mg Cap	SCH	E
02247490	pms-Diazepam 2mg Tab	PMS	SFC
02247491	pms-Diazepam 5mg Tab	PMS	SFC
02247492	pms-Diazepam 10mg Tab	PMS	SFC
02246552	Remodulin 1mg/mL Inj	NTI	not insured
02246553	Remodulin 2.5mg/mL Inj	NTI	not insured
02246554	Remodulin 5mg/mL Inj	NTI	not insured
02246555	Remodulin 10mg/mL Inj	NTI	not insured
02240325	Xenical 120mg Cap	HLR	not insured
02250519	Zavesca 100mg Cap	ACT	not insured

DIN CHANGE TO PHARMACARE BENEFITS - Effective February 1, 2005

PRODUCT DESCRIPTION	MFR	OLD DIN	NEW DIN
Imodium 2mg Caplet	MCN	00860743	02183862

DISCONTINUED PRODUCTS

The respective manufacturers have given notification of the discontinuation of the products listed below. These products will continue to be insured until existing stock is depleted but will be removed from future formulary pages.

PRODUCT DESCRIPTION	DIN	MFR
Apo-Cetirizine 5mg Tab	02240910	APX
Ativan 4mg/mL Inj	02041405	WAY
Clonapam 0.5mg Tab	02230366	ICN
Clonapam 1mg Tab	02230368	ICN
Clonapam 2mg Tab	02230369	ICN
Codeine Phosphate 15mg Tab	00093122	DTC
Codeine Phosphate 30mg Tab	00093130	DTC
Flaxedil 20mg/mL Inj	01927574	SAN
Fucidin 500mg/vial Inj	02049406	LEO
Garamycin 40mg/mL Inj	00223824	SCH
Imodium 2mg Cap	00579343	MCN
Largactil 25mg/mL Inj	01929984	RHO
Lentaron Depot 250mg/vial Inj	02128209	NVR
Loperacap 2mg Caplet	02228343	ICN
Modulon 50mg/5mL Inj	00587850	AXC
Netromycin 25mg/mL Inj	00503398	SCH
Netromycin 100mg/mL Inj	00503371	SCH
Nyaderm 100,000iu/mL Susp	00779121	TAR
Palladone XL 12mg Cap	02243159	PFR
Palladone XL 16mg Cap	02243160	PFR
Palladone XL 24mg Cap	02243161	PFR
pms-Cephalexin 250mg Tab	02177781	PMS
pms-Cephalexin 500mg Tab	02177803	PMS
pms-Ketoprofen EC 50mg Tab	02150816	PMS
pms-Ketoprofen EC 100mg Tab	02150824	PMS
Procyclid 5mg Tab	00306290	ICN
Procytox 500mg/vial Inj	00373753	ASM
ratio-Captopril 25mg Tab	00851833	RPH
ratio-Doxycycline 100mg Tab	02091232	RPH
ratio-Indomethacin 25mg Cap	02143364	RPH
ratio-Indomethacin 50mg Cap	02143372	RPH
ratio-Moclobemide 150mg Tab	02218410	RPH
ratio-Nadolol 160mg Tab	00851698	RPH
Renagel 400mg Tab	02244309	GEZ
Rhodis 100mg Supp	00761699	RHO
Rhodis SR 200mg Tab	02031175	RHO
Rhoxal-Metformin 500mg Tab	02233999	RHO
Taro-Carbamazepine CR 200mg Tab	02237907	TAR
Taro-Sone 0.05% Lot	01944444	TAR
Zovirax 500mg/vial Inj	00605336	GSK
Diabetic Product:		
BD Ultra-Fine Lancets (100)	97799882	BTD

DELISTED PRODUCTS - Effective February 1, 2005

In a recent audit of claims within the Nova Scotia Pharmacare Programs the following injectable products were noted to have no utilization and therefore have been delisted.

PRODUCT DESCRIPTION	DIN	MFR
Adriamycin PFS 2mg/mL Inj	02071002	PFI
Amikacin 250mg/mL Inj	02242971	SIL
Amikin 250mg/mL Inj	00397415	BQU
BiCNU 100mg Inj	00297763	BQU
Blenoxane 15u/mL Inj	00258482	BQU
Cefoxitin Sodium 1g/vial Inj	02128187	NOP
Cefoxitin Sodium 2g/vial Inj	02128195	NOP
Cerubidine 20mg/vial Inj	01926683	ERF
Coly-Mycin M 150mg/vial Inj	00476420	PFI
Cortrosyn 250mg/vial Inj	00022381	ORG
Cosmegen 500mcg/vial Inj	00213071	MSD
Cytosar 100mg/vial Inj	00386715	PFI
Cytosar 500mg/vial Inj	00194727	PFI
Digoxin 0.05mg/mL Inj	02048272	SIL
Digoxin 0.25mg/mL Inj	02048264	SIL
Fraxiparine 9500 anti-Xa iu/mL Inj	02236913	GSK
Fraxiparine Forte 19000 anti-Xa iu/mL	02240114	GSK
Indocid PDA 1mg/mL Inj	00597805	MSD
Isoproterenol HCl 0.2mg/mL Inj	00897639	SIL
Kidrolase 10,000iu/vial Inj	01926438	SAN
Labetalol HCl 5mg/mL Inj	02231689	SIL
Levophed 1mg/mL Inj	02241981	ABB
Lopresor 1mg/mL Inj	00590819	NVR
Mutamycin 5mg/vial Inj	00381799	BQU
Naloxone 0.4mg/mL Inj	02148706	SIL
Naloxone 1mg/mL Inj	02148714	SIL
Neo-Bex Inj	00147680	NEO
Nipride 50mg/5mL Inj	00336459	HLR
Norepinephrine Bitartrate 1mg/mL Inj	00893285	SIL
Norflex 30mg/mL Inj	01966162	RIK
Novantrone 2mg/mL Inj	02173468	WAY
Procainamide 100mg/mL Inj	02184486	SIL
Prostin VR 500mcg/mL Inj	00559253	PFI
Suprefact 1mg/mL Inj	02225166	SAN
Synacthen 1mg/mL Depot Inj	00253952	NVR
Ventolin 0.5mg/mL IM Inj	02213443	GSK
Ventolin 1mg/mL Infusion Sol	02213451	GSK
Vepesid 100mg/vial Inj	00523410	BQU
Xylocard 100mg/5mL Inj	00001937	AZE
Zanosar 1g/vial Pdr Cake	00622141	PFI

MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE COST (MAC) LIST

The following **categories** have been removed from the MAC List. For those categories which have been removed due to discontinuation of one of the brands by the manufacturer, AAC will be paid for the products which have not been discontinued, ***effective February 1, 2005***. For those brands which are no longer interchangeable, benefit status will remain unchanged and paid at AAC.

AMIKACIN 250mg/mL Inj	***02242971***	***Amikacin***	***SIL*** } ***DELISTED as benefits***
	00397415	***Amikin***	***BQU*** }
BETHANECHOL CHLORIDE 25mg Tab	01947931	Duvoid	RBT
	00349739	***Urecholine***	***MSD – DISCONTINUED***
BUTORPHANOL 10mg/mL Nasal Spray	02242504	Apo-Butorphanol	APX
	02113031	***Stadol NS***	***BQU – DISCONTINUED***
CEFUROXIME SODIUM 750mg/vial Inj	***02237731***	***Cefuroxime***	***PPC – DISCONTINUED***
	02213532	Zinacef	GSK
CEFUROXIME SODIUM 1.5g/vial Inj	***02237732***	***Cefuroxime***	***PPC – DISCONTINUED***
	02213540	Zinacef	GSK
CEFUROXIME SODIUM 7.5g/vial Inj	***02237733***	***Cefuroxime***	***PPC – DISCONTINUED***
	02213559	Zinacef	GSK
CETIRIZINE 5mg Tab	***02240910***	***Apo-Cetirizine***	***APX – DISCONTINUED***
	02223546	Reactine	PFI
CHLORPROMAZINE 25mg/mL Inj	00743518	Chlorpromazine	SIL
	01929984	***Largactil***	***RHO – DISCONTINUED***
CYANOCOBALAMIN 100mcg/mL Inj	***00497533***	***Vitamin B12***	***ABB – DISCONTINUED***
	02241500	Vitamin B12	SIL
DILTIAZEM 60mg SR Cap	02222957	Apo-Diltiaz SR	APX
	02097214	***Cardizem SR***	***BVL – DISCONTINUED***
	02229406	***Novo-Diltazem SR***	***NOP – DISCONTINUED***
DILTIAZEM 90mg SR Cap	02222965	Apo-Diltiaz SR	APX
	02097214	***Cardizem SR***	***BVL – DISCONTINUED***
	02229407	***Novo-Diltazem SR***	***NOP – DISCONTINUED***
DILTIAZEM 120mg SR Cap	02222973	Apo-Diltiaz SR	APX
	02097214	***Cardizem SR***	***BVL – DISCONTINUED***
	02229408	***Novo-Diltazem SR***	***NOP – DISCONTINUED***
GENTAMICIN 40mg/mL Inj	02242652	Gentamicin	SIL
	00223824	***Garamycin***	***SCH – DISCONTINUED***
HALOPERIDOL 2mg/mL O/L	00587702	Apo-Haloperidol	APX
	00552429	***ratio-Haloperidol***	***RPH – DISCONTINUED***
KETOPROFEN 200mg SR Tab	02172577	Apo-Keto	APX
	02031175	***Rhodis***	***RHO – DISCONTINUED***
LORAZEPAM 4mg/mL Inj	***02041405***	***Ativan***	***WAY – DISCONTINUED***
	02243278	Lorazepam	SIL

ORCIPRENALINE 2mg/mL Syr	02236783	Apo-Orciprenaline	APX
	02152568	***ratio-Orciprenaline***	***RPH – DISCONTINUED***
NADOLOL 160mg Tab	00782475	Apo-Nadol	APX
	00851698	***ratio-Nadolol***	***RPH – DISCONTINUED***
NITROFURANTOIN 50mg Cap	***01997637***	***Macrodantin***	***PGA – DISCONTINUED***
	02231015	Novo-Furantoin	NOP
NYSTATIN 100,000 IU/mL O/L	***00779121***	***Nyaderm***	***TAR – DISCONTINUED***
	02194201	ratio-Nystatin	RPH
PRIMIDONE 250mg Tab	00396761	Apo-Primidone	APX
	02042355	***Mysoline***	***DRH – DISCONTINUED***
PROCYCLIDINE HCl 5mg Tab	00587354	pms-Procyclidine	PMS
	00306290	***Procyclid***	***ICN – DISCONTINUED***